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Reminder: Civic Literacy Part II

The second part of the Civic Literacy program, co-sponsored by LWV of Roseville Area, Do Good Roseville, and the Roseville Library, will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Roseville Library Community Room.

The first program on March 5 focused on city and county government (see the recap on [page 6](#)). The second program will focus on state government. The program will be presented by Nick Harper, lawyer, lobbyist, and Civic Engagement Director for LWVMN. He will examine the Minnesota legislative process and discuss how you can have an impact.



Immigration and Popular Culture

On Thursday, April 11, LWV of Roseville Area will co-host with the Shoreview Library and Do Good Roseville the final program in a six-session series on immigration experiences in America. The program, "Family and Community," will be held at the Shoreview Library, 4560 N. Victoria (just north on Victoria off Hwy. 96) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This program looks at how the media and popular culture have historically taught newcomers how to "be American," and how the rich contributions of different immigrant groups have transformed American culture and art. This program includes a screening of *The Search for General Tso*, a fascinating look at Chinese food in America and the immigrant families who helped shape restaurants across America. Discussion will be moderated by Dr. Dina Gavrilos, University of St. Thomas Associate Professor of Communication and Journalism, who facilitated the first two sessions.

The program is free and open to the public.

More upcoming LWV of Roseville Area events on the next page.

Changes in the Weather: What's the Big Deal?

In spite of our snowiest February on record, Dr. Kenneth Blumenfeld, Senior Climatologist for the Minnesota State Climatology Office, says warmer winters and wetter summers may become more frequent in Minnesota's future. Dr. Blumenfeld will lead a LWV of Roseville Area discussion on April 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2561 Victoria, Roseville, on what Minnesotans can expect to experience in the next decades based on the best available science data.

In his DNR position, Dr. Blumenfeld provides state agencies, communities, and citizens with up-to-date and scientifically accurate climate information. He co-created *The Story of Winter: Minnesota's Most Iconic Season*, a documentary about Minnesota winters from 2012-2014. Join other League members and the public to focus on a facet of Earth Day 2019. A flyer is attached for distribution with the digital version of the Voter newsletter.



..... Dr. Kenneth Blumenfeld

LWVUS Approves New Climate Change Position

From: Nick Harper, LWVMN Civic Engagement Director, in the March 2019 LWVMN Newsletter

The LWVUS Board approved the following position on climate change:

The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels—local, state, regional, national, and global.

This position will be included in the next version of LWVUS' *Impact on Issues* when it is published later this spring, and thus will automatically become part of the LWVMN Program for Action.

Reminder: LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting

The LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7, in the new Wakefield Park Community Building, 1725 Prosperity Road, Maplewood. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m.. The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Members will elect new officers, approve a budget, and set the local program for the 2019-2020 year.

This year, we are offering a full dinner featuring parmesan-crusted chicken for \$26. A vegetarian option is also available for that price. **Please send checks payable to LWV of Roseville Area to Joyce Briggs (2750 Dale St., #45, Roseville, MN 55113) by April 18.** Please indicate if you prefer to have the vegetarian option. **You may also register and pay online via PayPal from the League website: lwvrosevillearea.org/.** Please be sure you select the correct meal option and don't forget to enter the attendee name.

If you are unable to come for dinner, please join us for the 7 p.m. meeting. Questions? Contact Ann Cleland (651-900-1759 or anncleland@juno.com) or Joyce Blomquist (651-631-0688).

2019-2020 Program Possibilities

In 2020, we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters—a century of educating voters, undertaking in-depth studies and advocating positions to make democracy work. In late May or early June, the Program Committee will meet to set a schedule of programs for the 2019-2020 year. We welcome your ideas for programs and speakers to address the issues that confront us in the 21st century. Members have given us ideas throughout the year and an ongoing list has been built. If you have an idea to add to the list, please email it to Bonnie Koch, Program Chair, at touray@aol.com.

Your perspective, questions that you want answered, and community members you know, or know of, will help the Program Committee develop another year of events that will continue to make us knowledgeable voters and advocates.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The photo below is of the new LWVMN headquarter entrance, just around the corner from Rice Street and right above the MN Environmental Partnership. It is quite an improvement! Florence Sprague and I had the privilege of seeing their new facilities after spending a very interesting and informative morning and early afternoon at the Minnesota Capitol (LWV Day at the Capitol).

The LWVMN Executive Director's office has a beautiful view of the Capitol building as is appropriate for our 99 year-old organization. The League suite has at least 6-7 separate offices and two are leased to Common Cause MN. LWVMN works together with them frequently on good government advocacy and we are both non-partisan. Minnesota is one of only 13 states to have a formal state League office and an executive director. We have four full-time employees: Michelle Witte, Executive Director (mwitte@lwvmn.org); Grace Riley, Operations Manager (griley@lwvmn.org); Nick Harper, Civic Engagement Manager (nharper@lwvmn.org); and Kristin Smith, Communications Manager (ksmith@lwvmn.org). There is also one part-time employee: Bridget Jordan, Accounting Manager (bjordan@lwvmn.org). The state office also has many interns. Right now there are three interns, so on a given current day, there are eight people in the office.

The state office, amongst its many other purposes, engages LWV advocacy at the legislature and beyond, and has been involved in quite a few amicus briefs. It also keeps LWV freshly growing and inclusive and has us staying in better touch with LWVUS. Plus it is a great source for all sorts of information (as I have found out these past nine months). Our local leagues are so fortunate to have this exceptional formal state office.

And regarding LWV organizational structure, I want to again remind everyone of the upcoming LWVMN convention, April 27 and 28, and our own LWV of Roseville Area annual meeting on May 7. See [page 11](#) for details.



Sherry Hood



Image of the new LWVMN headquarters

Learning to Be Better

By Florence Sprague

I face a conundrum. My goal here is to think about the challenges our communities face in creating and maintaining equity for all. I want to increase communication, not increase resistance. But am I?

In December, I attended a lunchtime program sponsored by SPIN, the St. Paul Interfaith Network, at which Bill Doherty was one of two speakers. Doherty, a professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at the University of Minnesota, is one of the founders of Better Angels (better-angels.org/our-story/#problem). To quote the organization's website, "Better Angels is a national citizens' movement to reduce political polarization in the United States by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes, forming red/blue community alliances, teaching practical skills for communicating across political differences, and making a strong public argument for depolarization." This is a great organization and some of their programs have been, or will be, in Roseville and other communities around the Twin Cities. (Some brought to you by our friends at Do Good Roseville.) These events would be worth your time and energy.

Some programs are a weekend, some a day, and others are several hours; they employ several types of dialogue. Their long format events reminded me of the challenging work of filmmaker and diversity educator Lee Mun Wah, whose film, *The Color of Fear* (1994), brought together men of color and white men for a weekend of conversation on issues of race in America. This conversation was often angry and disputative, but ended in growth. It is a valuable film; it is not an easy film. Better Angels, coming from a background of mediation, has developed techniques to reduce the conflict and optimize the understanding among the participants. A potent idea refined.

Doherty spoke of the impact of Better Angels programs and the methods they used. It was inspiring. It also made my heart sink a bit. I felt dismay when he spoke of the potential negative impact of language. He noted that words like equity, privilege, and inclusion, instead of bringing light and clarity to explain goals or problems, can raise hackles and generate instant resistance. These are words and ideas I write about all the time. On the other side of the equation phrases like "we are a Christian country" or "make America great" likewise generate leaps to preconceived positions. But the ideas still need to be talked about. So how do I talk about them without turning people off before the conversation has even begun?

I have not yet been able to make it to a Better Angels program, but the Better Angels pledge to understand the other side's point of view while seeking common ground to bring all together would help any conversation (better-angels.org/our-story/#our-approach).

The key is to listen, not just to talk. While choice of language may vary, final goals may have great overlap. How do I listen in a solo format? How do I write so that a reader will know that I want to hear their side, too? One approach came in a TED talk about health care; it involves totally reframing the topic. More about that next month.

Summertime Parades

By Sherry Hood

Summertime is a wonderful time for parades and the LWV of Roseville Area has two scheduled this summer to proudly display our organization and our legacy. We hope you will put on your marching shoes and have fun with us at the Rosefest Parade on the evening of June 24th in Roseville and later this summer at Little Canada Days in Little Canada. These next two years are very special for the League as it will be the Centennial celebration of Minnesota ratifying the 19th amendment in 1919, the founding of LWV, and the national passage of women's right to vote in 1920. To help celebrate these special events, some of us will wear suffragette attire from that era. If you are interested in being in the parade and would like to wear the fashions from 100 years ago, you can order a costume online at candyapplecostumes.com/cc00713.html. The photo to the right shows the costume. The dress comes with the sash but not the hat, sign or shoes. The cost including shipping and handling is \$40 with a window of 17 days if you need to return it. The sizes run quite small. A size XL is equal to size 12-14. If you're not interested in wearing a suffragette outfit, but still want to be in the parade, some of us will wear the same attire as last year (LWV-themed shirts and hats). Email Sherry Hood (sherryhood@icloud.com) or June Stewart (juneret@comcast.net) if you want more information. There will be more details for the parade in the May/June Voter issue.



Image: Candy Apple Costumes website

March Event Recap: Becoming American Series #5

By Barb Anderson

On a blustery March evening, League and community members attended the fifth in the *Becoming American Series* of six programs focusing on immigration. This evening's focus was on "Family and Community Support."

The evening began with the showing of the documentary *My American Girls: A Dominican Story*, which focused on the Ortiz family's hard-working immigrant parents and their American-born daughters. The film was preceded by an introduction by the moderator, Professor Yuichiro Onishi, a University of Minnesota Associate Professor of African American Studies and Asian American studies, presently serving as Acting Director of the Immigration History Research Center. Professor Onishi set the stage with a discussion about the history of American immigration policy from the late 19th century until the Immigration Act of 1965, which changed the nature of immigrations by establishing quotas per country, and also introduced the concept of family reunification, with the intent to encourage the migration of white European family members to join those in the U.S.

Filmed over the course of a year, *My American Girls* follows the family of Sandra and Bautista Ortiz, hardworking immigrants living frugally in a multi-family house in Brooklyn, who dream of retiring to their native Dominican Republic. Their American-born and acculturated daughters have other ideas altogether. The conflict between the first generation's values — attachment to their homeland, discipline and strong work ethic, clarity of goals and emphasis on family — and the independent and varying outlook of their three girls form the moving and often humorous dramatic spine of the film.

The discussion that followed, moderated by Professor Onishi, focused on family as the site of change and transformation in relation to three key words: work, school, and home. Immigrants and their children experience America differently, and the difference, for the Ortiz family, emerges because of working life for adults and schooling for children. What also emerged was the differences in perceived experiences of the daughters from each other, as well as the generational gap between them and their parents. The other key idea that emerged was the different ideas of home. Each family member has his or her own understanding about home — not just what it means, but also where it is to be found. For Sandra Ortiz, home is clearly the Dominican Republic, from which she emigrated; for her daughters, it appears to be America.

The discussions were thoughtful and personal, as have been all of the discussions at previous screenings. The sixth and final installment of the *Becoming American* series will be on April 11. See [page 1](#) for more details.



(photo by Barb Anderson)

Results of Met Council CMAL Study: Updated Position

By *Karen Schaffer*

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) announces its updated position on governance of the Metropolitan Council.

Based upon the report of its study committee, members of all local leagues across the metropolitan area overwhelmingly voted to support the following:

- Appointment of Met Council members and its Chair by the Governor.
- Fixed staggered terms for Met Council members with removal only for cause.
- Met Council members should have a regional perspective, knowledge of regional issues, reflect demographic diversity and be able to meet the time requirements to serve effectively.

Members of all 19 chapters of the LWV in the seven-county metropolitan area participated in the voting process in January and February 2019.

In 2018, League members interviewed over 50 municipal and county-elected officials and staff across the metropolitan area, asking a series of questions regarding their satisfaction with the Met Council. The respondents expressed high levels of satisfaction with the sewer system, transit and transportation, planning resources, and technical expertise. The areas cited most often for Met Council improvement are its communication, interaction with cities, and need to streamline the comprehensive planning process.

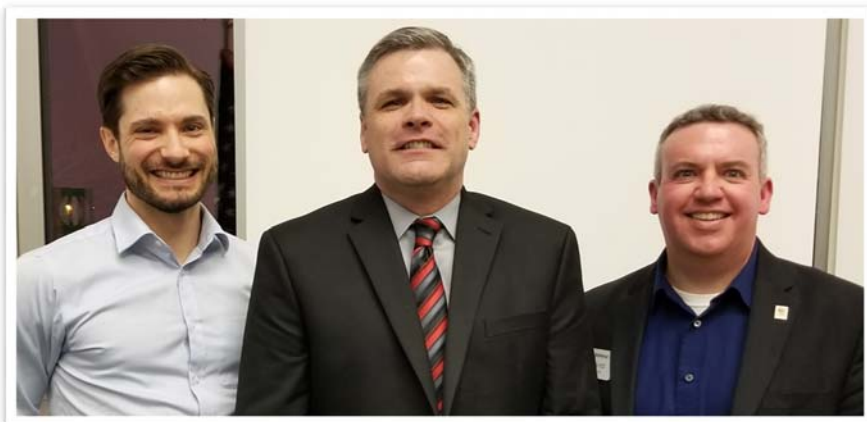
The CMAL committee launched its study after last spring's legislative bill to replace the appointment of citizens by the governor with the appointment of locally-elected city and county officials to the Met Council. CMAL in its 50+ year history had not addressed the issue of whether locally-elected officials could or should be appointed to serve on the Met Council. There was little support among participants for the appointment of locally-elected city and county officials to the Met Council.

March Event Recap: Civic Literacy 101 - Local Government

By *Rachel Geiser*

In Part I of a two-part Civic Literacy 101 series on March 5 (an event that League co-sponsored with Do Good Roseville and the Roseville Library), the focus was local government. Roseville Mayor Dan Roe began by discussing the basic framework of local government saying, "Local governments only have the powers granted to them by the state." He discussed the limitations of city government, how responsibilities are split between counties and cities/towns/townships, the many roles that make up the local government, and that how a city/town/township is set up may affect the powers of those roles. Roseville City Manager Pat Trudgeon continued explaining local government by breaking down the foundations of city governance, using Roseville as an example. He explained that state statutes, city ordinances, the city's comprehensive plan, city budget, community aspirations, and community input determine city decisions and implementation.

Finally, Ramsey County Manager Ryan O'Connor said, "Counties are the administrative arm of the state." He explained that Ramsey county is a good example of what the rest of Minnesota will eventually look like; though it's one of the smallest counties, it's the most racially diverse and has very little undeveloped land. O'Connor provided employment and budget stats for Ramsey county. He recommended checking out the Your Government tab on the revamped Ramsey County website for lots of good county-specific information and updates: ramseycounty.us.



To wrap-up, the city and county leaders left us with these closing thoughts. "At the end of the day, we all want government to work. Where are the places where cities and counties can come together?"

Part II (state government) will be held on April 2. See [page 1](#) for more details.

(l-r) Ramsey County Manager Ryan O'Connor, Roseville City Manager Pat Trudgeon, and Roseville Mayor Dan Roe (photo by Rachel Geiser)

March Event Recap: Parting the Curtain on Elder Abuse

By Rachel Geiser

On March 19, LWV of Roseville Area co-sponsored an event with the Roseville Library to shed light on the growing elder abuse epidemic in nursing homes and assisted living facilities across Minnesota. JacLynn Herron started the event by sharing her experience with her mom's care and neglect in a nursing home. Because of the emotional impact of what they went through, Herron wrote a book, *Singing Solo: In search of a Voice for Mom*, to share the story. Herron became an outspoken champion for those without a voice. She wrote op-eds for the paper and became politically active to motivate change in Minnesota laws and regulations for vulnerable adults.

Jean Peters also shared the story of her mom's care and abuse. After going through that harrowing experience, Peters reached out to the press and government. Change seemed to be coming when Governor Dayton created a workgroup to make a recommendation for a change to Minnesota laws. They recommended four action areas:

- Strengthen and expand the rights of vulnerable adults and their families.
- Enhance criminal and civil remedies for vulnerable adults.
- Require assisted living licensure and dementia care standards.
- Demand improvements to Minnesota Department of Health.

Peters, like Herron, felt alone when still no laws were passed and worked with several others to start the Elder Voice Family Advocates (eldervoicfamilyadvocates.org). Peters, Herron, and another member of the Elder Voice Family Advocates answered questions near the end of the event. They shed light on a bill (House File 90) that is currently being worked on in the Minnesota House that helps address many of the action areas Dayton's workgroup recommended. When asked what we can do to help, they said that this issue needs everyone's voice and to be sure to contact your legislator expressing your concerns and support for change.

In answering questions, the speakers alluded to resources to reference when searching for an elder care facility, both to learn about past complaints and to know what types of questions to ask before choosing a facility.

- The Minnesota Department of Health website has links to nursing home survey results, complaints, and report cards: health.state.mn.us. A Vulnerable Adult Protection Dashboard, listing weekly complaints arriving at the Office of Health Facilities Complaints, was recently added: health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/dashboard.html.
- To learn how to access health care facility resolved complaints, go to the League website: lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/Health%20Facility%20Resolved%20Complaints.pdf
- Elder Voice Family Advocates has guidelines and questions to ask when searching for elder living facilities. Review them on the league website: <http://lwvrosevillearea.org/sites/lwvrosevillearea.org/files/Elder%20Care%20Senior%20Home%20Care%20Facility%20Tips%202019.pdf>

To watch a video of the March event, go to the LWV of Roseville Area YouTube channel: youtube.com/watch?v=9bU9CnA0BpE&t=64s



(l-r) JacLynn Herron and Jean Peters speaking at the March event (photos by Rachel Geiser)

Reports to Review For Annual Meeting

The next two pages contain the 2019-2020 Nominations Report and the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget for LWV of Roseville Area. Review these reports before the annual meeting as meeting attendees will vote on the approval of those nominated to the positions and the proposed budget .

LWV of Roseville Area Nominations Report: June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020

This is a listing of the positions that will be voted on at the LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting on May 7. These are submitted by the Nominations Committee (Shirley Bradway, June Stewart, Beth Salzl, and Mary Duddlestone).

Note: Many people couldn't commit for two-year terms so there frequently aren't a staggering of terms.

- **President:** Sherry Hood – 2020
- **Vice President:** Barb Barany – 2020
- **Secretary:** Mary Peterson – 2020
- **Treasurer:** Joyce Briggs – 2020
- **Action Team Leaders:**
 - Wayne Groff – 2021
 - Priscilla Morton – 2020
- **Communications Team Leader:** Barb Anderson – 2020
- **Membership Team Leader:** Beth Reinhart – 2020
- **Program Team Leader:** Bonnie Koch – 2020
- **Voter Service Team Co-Leader:** Karen Lake – 2020 (additional co-leader will be confirmed later)
- **At-large Board Members:** Stephanie DeBenedet, Jim DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Karen Schaffer

The following positions do not require membership approval, but we provide them for your information and for your opportunity to volunteer for these committees. Please contact the committee leader for more information.

- **Action/Advocacy** – Leaders: Wayne Gross and Priscilla Morton
 - *Environment:* Donna Peterson, Anne Haugan, Barbara Luck, Priscilla Morton, Alana Howey, Sherry Hood
- **Communications** – Leader: Barb Anderson
 - *Voter:* Rachel Geiser
 - *PR:* Merrie Zakaras
 - *Webpage:* Barb Anderson
 - *Video:* Jim DeBenedet, Rob Reinhart
 - *Social Media:* Carrie Dickson
 - *Archive:* Dan Salzl
 - *Next Door:* Barb Luck
 - *Voter Distribution:* Mary Jo Rourke
- **Finance, Budget and Examiner** – Leader: Barb Anderson
 - *Finance/Fundraising:* Barb Anderson, Joyce Briggs, Faith O'Neill
 - *Budget:* Barb Anderson, Mary Ann Palmer
 - *Examiner:* Mary Ann Palmer
- **Membership** – Leader: Beth Reinhart
 - *Committee members:* Stephanie DeBenedet, Rita Mills, Ann Thonet
 - *Directory:* Rita Mills
 - *Data:* Ann Thonet
 - *Nominations:* Florence Sprague, Mindy Greiling, Mary Duddlestone, Lisa Schribner
- **Program** – Bonnie Koch, Shirley Bradway, June Stewart, Diana Menanteau
 - *Annual Meeting:* Ann Cleland, Joyce Blomquist
 - *Conversations with Constituents:* Gladys Jones, Barb Leary
 - *CMAL:* Karen Schaeffer
 - *Gavel:* June Stewart
- **Voter Service** – Teresa Warneke, Cathy Crogan, Suzanne Sancilio, Abby Marier, Grace Gee, Judy Stuthman, Alana Howey, Barb Barany, Elizabeth Hansel, Rita Mills, Cecilia Warner, Karen Lake, June Stewart

LWV of Roseville Area 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

	Budget 2018-19	YTD March 2018-19	Proposed Budget 2019-20
INCOME:			
Dues (120 pd members/\$70 dues)	8,400.00	4,817.00	8,400.00
Contributions (unrestricted)	2,500.00	4,335.00	2,500.00
Memorials		20.00	
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	1,080.00	1,100.00
Miscellaneous		200.00	200.00
Voter Services Grants/donations		1,650.00	
Special Events	850.00		850.00
Reserves	780.00		11.00
In Kind			
TOTAL INCOME	13,630.00	12,102.00	13,061.00
EXPENSES:			
Program Division			
Program	250.00		250.00
Special Events	850.00		850.00
CMAL Meeting			
Voter Services	150.00	2,010.27	675.00
Advocacy/Action	100.00		100.00
Communications			
Public Relations/Advertising	75.00	22.47	75.00
Publication Purchases	100.00		100.00
Voter Mailing	50.00	120.76	150.00
Archivist			
Printing	400.00	535.06	500.00
Website/Facebook	250.00	218.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	200.00		
Membership	50.00	134.91	150.00
Board Expense			
President/Vice President	25.00	71.72	100.00
Secretary	25.00		
Development Committee	175.00	130.46	150.00
Treasurer/fees			55.00
Board Expense	100.00		50.00
Sunshine Fund	50.00		50.00
Facility Honorarium	200.00	200.00	200.00
Delegate, Travel, Affiliation			
Delegates, Convention, Workshop	2,500.00	2,331.48	1,000.00
Miscellaneous			
Memorials		200.00	
Other Club Dues (Gavel Club)	15.00	20.00	20.00
Dues (Regional Water Interleague)	25.00		25.00
Annual Meeting	1,100.00	954.72	1,100.00
Miscellaneous		206.00	200.00
Youth Award	100.00		
In Kind			
Per Member Payments			
PMP National (\$30.00/123 members)	3,600.00	3,248.00	3,690.00
PMP State (\$27.00/123 members)	3,240.00	5,411.67	3,321.00
CMAL Dues (\$1.00/123 members)	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,630.00	15,815.52	13,061.00

Reminder to Renew Your 2019 League Membership

Please take a moment to use the form below to renew your League Membership for 2019 at this critical time in our democratic life together. Your continuing commitment provides vital support for the League's important work at state and national as well as local levels.



This year, our local efforts are focused on the 2020 census and advocacy in support of the fight to protect our shared environment and to resist climate change, in addition to our strong traditional emphasis on voter registration and local candidate forums throughout our five-city area. More broadly, the League is actively involved in collaborations to resist gerrymandering before the U.S. Supreme Court, to encourage responsible nonpartisan redistricting, and to restore and expand voter registration and participation in our electoral process.

This promises to be an exceptionally busy and consequential year for the League of Women Voters. We need your support for these endeavors. We are counting on you to renew today! Thank you for responding promptly. (In addition to providing needed funds in a timely way that helps us plan and budget our priorities, it makes my life easier to not have to tackle too many reminder notices!)

Beth Reinhart

Membership Committee Chair

P.S. You may pay dues by way of sending a check to Joyce Briggs or through PayPal, which can be accessed through the LWV of Roseville Area website: lwvrosevillearea.org/.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Membership options:

_____ \$70 Individual

_____ \$105 Household

_____ \$35 Low -income

Write checks to: LWV-RA

Mail to: Joyce Briggs

2750 Dale St., #45

Roseville, MN 55113

Jbriggs2750@gmail.com

Future League Events

Meetings are usually recorded and posted on our website: lwvrosevillearea.org. If you need a ride to an event, contact Sherry Hood (sherryhood@icloud.com, 651-633-1434) or Bonnie Koch (touray@aol.com, 651-683-2992).

April and May events are detailed on [page 1](#), [page 2](#), and below. June's events are also detailed below.

LWVMN State Convention 2019



The upcoming LWVMN State Convention, held on April 27-28 at the St. Paul Hotel, and hosted by the LWV of St. Paul, allows our League eight delegates plus one complimentary delegate. The weekend events include:

- **Friday, April 26** – Afternoon suffrage tours by Minnesota Historical Society at the Capitol and an evening reception at the Landmark Center by LWV of St. Paul to kick off our Centennial Traveling Exhibit.
- **Saturday, April 27 (8 a.m.–5 p.m.)** – Check-in begins at 8 a.m. The opening session begins at 9 a.m. with the keynote speaker, Virginia Case, CEO of LWVUS (a special opportunity not to be missed). The day will include training and plenary sessions. Breakfast and lunch will be served.
- **Saturday, April 27 (evening)** – LWV of St. Paul will host a pub crawl with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 28 (8 a.m.–3 p.m.)** – The kick-off will be an orientation to our Centennial toolkit and a presentation by the MN History Center about their coming fall exhibit of the LWV Centennial. In the afternoon, there will be a final plenary session with debates and decisions on Program for Action and the budget.

Registration will open on March 1 and the fee for this year's two-day convention program with four meals included will be \$225. Each league will receive one complimentary admission. Our local delegates can receive some financial support from the LWV of Roseville Area. Please email: sherryhood@icloud.com if you would like to be a delegate.

More information about the convention can be found on the LWVMN website at the following link:

CMAL Annual Meeting: Met Council Chair, Nora Slawik, Keynote Speaker

CMAL announces that Nora Slawik, Chair of the Metropolitan Council (and a LWV member), will be the keynote speaker at the CMAL Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at the Ridgedale Library. All LWV members are invited to attend this exciting event. Details to follow in the May/June Voter newsletter issue.

Sustainability Field Trip

The Sustainability Tour at Macalester College Markim Hall (1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul) is scheduled for 10 a.m. on June 5. The building features native landscaping, energy efficiency, water conservation, and solar panels. For these reasons and more it has been certified as LEED Platinum, the highest level of certification for energy efficiency and environmental design by the U.S. Green Building council. Transportation details will be relayed in the May/June Voter newsletter.

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LWV of Roseville Area: April and May Event Calendar

- **April 2 – Civic Literacy 101: State Government.** See the full event description on [page 1](#); 7-8:30 p.m.
- **April 11 – Immigration and Popular Culture (Becoming American Series).** See the full event description on [page 1](#); 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **April 16 – Changes In Our Weather: What's the Big Deal?** See the full event description on [page 2](#); 6:30-8 p.m.
- **April 26-28 – LWVMN State Convention 2019.** See the full event description on [page 11](#).
- **May 7 – LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting.** See full event description and dinner RSVP information on [page 2](#); 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.



**Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage
(Source: LWV Media Library)**

The remaining future LWV of Roseville Area events are detailed on [page 11](#).